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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2006**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) \$1360.00**Complete if Known**

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| Application Number | 10/689,008 |
| Filing Date | October 20, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | SCHUTZ, Michael |
| Examiner Name | TORRES, Melanie |
| Art Unit | 3683 |
| Attorney Docket No. | 8470G-000041 |

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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee(\$) | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee(\$) | Small Entity Fee(\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | _____ |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | _____ |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | _____ |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | _____ |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| 50 | 25 |

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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| 200 | 100 |
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Multiple dependent claims

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| 360 | 180 |
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Total Claims**Extra Claims****Fee(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

_____ - 20 or HP= 0 x _____ = 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims**Extra Claims****Fee(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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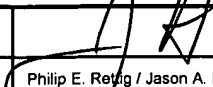
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\$1360.00**SUBMITTED BY**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the continued examination of this application, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 6, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time. Specifically, a two-month extension of time was requested in the Response filed July 5, 2006. Accordingly, only the difference between a two-month extension of time and a three-month extension of time is required.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.